OVERVIEW OF BUDGET

DEPARTMENT: CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

DIRECTOR: CORY NELSEN BUDGET UNIT: AAA DCS

I. GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The County Child Support Enforcement Program is governed by Title IV-D of the Federal Social Security Act, which was originally enacted in 1975. Federal regulations require that the program be administered at the State level by a single agency which, in turn, may contract with counties to conduct the enforcement program. Federal financial participation consists of payment of 66% of program costs and payment of graduated incentives to states for meeting program objectives. The balance of allowable expenditures is paid by the state. Basic program activities include locating absent parents, establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders pursuant to state guidelines, enforcement of support obligations, modification of support obligations when needed, and collection and distribution of support payments. This budget represents the first year since transition from the District Attorney.

II. BUDGET & WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 1999-00	Budget 2000-01	Actual 2000-01	Budget 2001-02
Total Appropriation	30,213,179	44,023,773	26,342,239	41,166,587
Total Revenue	30,092,870	44,023,773	26,342,215	41,166,587
Local Cost	120,309	-	24	-
Budgeted Staffing		669.7		702.9
Workload Indicators				
Collections	\$109,141,766	\$119,900,000	\$112,241,434	\$125,000,000
Open Cases	159,688	176,490	172,941	165,000
Cases per Officer	877	813	797	760

Due to the department's transition from the District Attorney's office, the department was unable to fill budgeted positions, obtain new facilities, install the new automated call center, and develop the Outreach Program. Consequently, significant variances between actual and budget for 2000-01 existed in salaries and benefits and services and supplies. These factors related directly to the decrease reflected in revenues.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD APPROVED CHANGES TO BUDGET (see attachments for detailed changes)

STAFFING CHANGES

Changes in budgeted staffing increased a net of 33.2 positions due to both program-related and transition-related changes. Budgeted additions include 10.0 positions to improve program management and training and customer service, 3.0 positions to support the new automated enforcement system, and 32.2 positions for the overtime needed for continued conversion clean up. Also reflected in staffing changes is a reduction of 12.0 positions as a result of the department's transition from the District Attorney's Office.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The budget was reduced by the following program changes: \$2.0 million due to the completion of the STAR/Kids conversion in 2000-01 and \$2.4 million due to putting on hold the space expansion in the Loma Linda/San Bernardino area.

Accounting changes as required by GASB #34 total \$2.1 million. These are reflected as a net decrease in services and supplies, offset by a net increase in transfers. Transfers also include a decrease of \$1.1 million due to the elimination of reimbursements to the District Attorney, County Administrative Office, and Human Services System.

Child Support Services is a reimbursement program through the State Department of Child Support Services. Budgeted revenue is based on expenditures and reflects the anticipated reduction in overall expenditures. The State incentive program no longer includes excess revenue.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

GROUP: Human Services System DEPARTMENT: Department of Child Support Services

FUND: General AAA DCS

				2001-02	
			2001-02	Board Approved	
	2000-01	2000-01	Board Approved	Changes to	2001-02
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Base Budget	Base Budget	Final Budget
Appropriations					
Salaries and Benefits	18,092,797	26,506,885	27,838,787	203,863	28,042,650
Services and Supplies	7,302,782	14,922,191	15,853,266	(5,884,882)	9,968,384
Central Computer	356,960	780,800	620,986	61,774	682,760
Equipment	188,172	554,497	554,497	(326,497)	228,000
Transfers	402,052	1,259,400	1,259,400	985,393	2,244,793
Total Expenditure Authority	26,342,763	44,023,773	46,126,936	(4,960,349)	41,166,587
Less:					
Reimbursements	(524)	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	26,342,239	44,023,773	46,126,936	(4,960,349)	41,166,587
<u>Revenue</u>					
Current Services	13,534				-
State, Federal or Gov't Aid	26,544,046	44,023,773	46,126,936	(4,960,349)	41,166,587
Other Revenue	(215,365)	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	26,342,215	44,023,773	46,126,936	(4,960,349)	41,166,587
Local Cost	24	-	-	-	-
Budgeted Staffing		669.7	671.7	31.2	702.9

FUNCTION:

ACTIVITY:

Public Protection

Child Support

Total Changes Included in Board Approved Base Budget

Base	Year	' Adj	us	tmen	ts

MOU/Inflatior

Salaries and Benefits 1,235,355 MOU, 7% Tier, Workers Comp, Retirement

Services and Supplies 422,125 Inflation, Risk Mgmt Liabilities

2410 Central Computer (159,814)

New Facility 508,950 New facility in San Bernardino

Subtotal Base Year Appropriation 2,006,616

Revenue 2,006,616 State and Federal Aid

Subtotal Base Year Revenue 2,006,616
Subtotal Base Year Local Cost

Mid Year Adjustments

<u>Description</u> <u>Board Approved Date</u>

Salaries and Benefits 96,547 Addition of 1.0 Media Specialist and 1.0 Child Support Officer II (Ombudsman).

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44,023,773

Subtotal Mid Year Appropriation 96,547

Revenue 96,547 State and Federal Aid Subtotal Mid Year Revenue 96,547

Subtotal Mid Year Local Cost -

Total Appropriation Change 2,103,163

Total Revenue Change 2,103,163

Total Local Cost Change -

Total 2000-01 Appropriation 44,023,773

Total 2000-01 Local Cost -

Total Base Budget Appropriation 46,126,936

Total Base Budget Revenue 46,126,936

Total Base Budget Local Cost

Total 2000-01 Revenue

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

	Board Approved Changes in Base Budget
Salaries and Benefits	869,268 Net increase in budgeted staffing of 31.2 positions as reflected in Staffing Document. Decrease in 12.0 positions due to transition from District Attorney's office; increase of 11 positions for program changes and net increase of 32.2 positions in budgeted overtime. (665,405) Decrease in step due to new staff beginning at lower pay ranges
•	203,863
Services and Supplies	254,929 General Service and Supply changes 45,675 Increase in Special Departmental expense for IRS levies. 192,620 Increase in Systems charges and Software licensing. (131,206) Decrease in COWCAP (1,992,413) Decrease due to STAR/Kids conversion completion. (63,933) Decrease due to transition from District Attorney's office. (2,379,379) Decrease due to delay in expansion in Loma Linda/San Bernardino area. (2,098,525) Decrease due to reclassification of rent (GASB 34)
Central Computer	46,098 15,676 Windows 2000 policy item
	61,774
Equipment	(326,497) Decrease in equipment due to transition and conversion. (326,497)
Transfers	 (650,000) Decrease in District Attorney administrative costs due to transition. 2,098,525 Rents and Leases per Real Estate Services estimate (GASB 34). 700 Increase per Human Resources (150,000) Decrease of administrative costs budgeted to the County Administrative Office for transition. (355,300) Decrease to Human Services System, Transitional Assistance Department, for fiscal service provided to the child support payment processing unit. 41,468 Increase per Human Services System for administrative and Information Technology support to Department of Child Support Services.
Total Appropriation	<u>985,393</u> (4,960,349)
State/Federal Aid Total Revenue	(4,960,349) State/federal aid (4,960,349)
Local Cost	-